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ROSA L. DELAURO

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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Columbus House Non-Congregate Shelter Redesign in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Columbus House, located at 586 Ella T. Grasso Blvd., New Haven, CT 06519.

The \$3 million Columbus House is requesting in funding would create approximately 90 single occupancy shelter rooms with individual bathroom facilities and to create a campus where clients can securely meet with their case managers. The funding will also support improvements to the HVAC systems and overall building performance and sustainability including climate resilience. The project also seeks to create smaller, distributed break-out rooms for Columbus Houses staff to meet and residents to commingle. This redesign will allow Columbus House to safely shelter clients during the current public health emergency and any future ones.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the redesign of Columbus House seeks to provide the region's most vulnerable and marginalized residents with a housing option that will allow them to access quality educational, employment and transportation opportunities. This project's intent is to create up to 90 units of single occupancy living space for people experiencing homelessness and to create a campus where clients can securely meet with their case managers.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosa L. DeLauro".

Rosa L. DeLauro
Member of Congress